

218, Jan 1

Macrinus was consul  
for 1<sup>st</sup> and only time.

In 217 he had consular rank, not consul

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Halley's Comet  
Civil War in China

May 17, 218 BC Calculated  
return to Perihelion (Closest to  
Sun)

15 May 218

Varius AVITUS, the 14 yr old grandson of Julia Maesa, the sister of Julia Domna was smuggled into the camp of the third legion 'Gallica' at Raphanocla near Emesa.

The scheme to make AVITUS emperor sprang from GANNYS, his mother's lover. It was Gannys who conducted the two under cover of darkness to the camp of the third legion.

218-222AD

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ELAGABALUS was emperor

218-222

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ELAGABALUS was proclaimed emperor by the soldiers. The government was conducted by his mother and grandmother.

The rebels overthrew the troops loyal to Macrinus, the reigning emperor, with surprising ease. Their victory outside Antioch led to the immediate recognition of Elagabalus as emperor at Rome and throughout the empire.

June/July 218

Macrinus was executed  
at Archelais in Cappadocia

Spring? 218

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Macrinus' son DIADUMENIANUS  
made Co-emperor



16 May 218

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ELAGABALUS hailed emperor

218AD

ELAGABALUS (HELIOGABALUS) succeeded  
Macrinus

8 June 218

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Defeat of MACRINUS

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ELAGABALUS the horrible was  
Emperor  
Finally on orders of his own  
grandmother the Praetorian  
guard murdered him and  
threw his body in the  
Tiber. He was 18 yrs old.

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Callistus I, Bishop of Rome

218-222

DURANT

Elagabalus, emperor

16 MAY 218

The soldiers of the Third legion proclaimed  
Varius Avitus emperor and  
rose in open rebellion.

Varius Avitus later became  
known as ELAGABALUS

Macrinus tried to strengthen  
his position by raising his 9-year-old  
son to the rank of Augustus. (This was never  
approved by the Senate.)

A.V. TUS took the title MARCUS AURELIUS  
ANTONINUS, but it was as ELAGABALUS,  
the name of the god, that he came to be  
known